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Compiled in honor of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Busse Family, Sunday, July 3, 1938, commemorating the arrival in Elk Grove on July 3, 1848, of the family of Friedrich Busse and his wife, Johanna Busse.

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IN HANOVER

IN the early 1800's land and property was considered so important in Hanover that the government required owners to keep their places in repair. Failure to do so meant that the government would sell the property to some person who was financially able to maintain the property. In such cases the government required that a certain recompense should go to the original owner.

It was under these conditions that Frederich Busse acquired the farm upon which a new home was erected by him. His friends could not understand why he decided to go to America when he had recently completed the fine residence pictured here. The call of America was too strong for him. He wanted to take his family to a country, free from kings, threats of wars and old world traditions. Perhaps he had a premonition of future happenings in Europe.

THE BUSSE HOMESTEAD IN GERMANY

IN AMERICA

THIS is the first official history of the Busse family that has been prepared. In the short space of time alloted to its preparation there are many things that are not included. The various branches of the family have in their possession many of the original documents and a few of the more important ones are reproduced herewith.

The history of Elk Grove township is practically a history of the Busse family; since they were among the early residents and their large numbers and constantly growing influence had much to do in shaping and directing the affairs of the town. Their members and allied families are a hardy industrious race of stalwart people and by marriage are related to a great many of the prominent families in northwestern Cook county.

Elk Grove was first settled in 1833 and the first white woman arrived in 1834. Travel was only by stage coach in those days and Chicago was a two days' journey. The early residents were native Americans from the east.

Following the arrival of the Busses other emigrants from other states in Germany began to arrive in large numbers. By their frugality and industry they were able to buy out most of their Yankee neighbors. Thus Elk Grove became a "German-American" community.

The first celebration of the Busse family was in 1898, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the family's arrival in Elk Grove. The 75th anniversary was observed in 1923 and the third takes place today, July 3, 1938. There are many of those present who remember the previous events. There are even those who vividly remember their grandfather and grandmother, the original settlers. They have many stories to tell of incidents connected with the days soon after the Civil War.

At the time of the observance of the 75th anniversary there was living of the second generation, one daughter, by marriage, Mrs. Louis Busse, the mother of Commissioner Busse. She passed away in March, 1934.

There were originally 44 grandchildren of the pioneers, representing the third generation. Thirty-six were still living on the date of the 75th anniversary. There now remain only 24, while the wives or husbands of the grandchildren number 27.

Direct descendants of the fourth generation number 203; the fifth 429 and the sixth 104, making a total of living descendants 764. Members by marriage are 287, making a total of 1051 who are entitled to wear a Busse button today.

RELEASE FROM ARMY

Der Soldat Johann Friedrich Busse geboren im Jahre 1800 zu Bucheite Amts Lauenau und gestellt aus dem Amte Lauenau weicher ~~seine gesetzliche Dienstzeit beendigt hat, und sich unter der Zahl der im Laufe dieses Jahres zu Entlassenden befindet~~ auf Befehl Königl. General Commando's in die 2te Reserve gesetzt ist, wird, nachdem er vom 24ten May 1821. bis zum 21ten April 1823. im 1. ten Bataillon des 2. ten oder Infanterie-Regiments Calenberg gedient hat, auf Befehl des Königlichen General-Commando's seines gegenwärtigen Dienstes hiedurch dergestalt entbunden, daß er zur Zeit für gänzlich befreiet vom activen Militairdienste sich zu achten hat, jedoch der Einzeichnung in die Liste der Ergänzungs-Mannschaft unterworfen, wie auch, im Fall die Vertheidigung des Vaterlandes solches erfordern sollte, überhaupt bis zum zurückgelegten jährigen Alter dem Militairdienste verpflichtet bleibt.

Hameln den 21. ten April 1823.

Amy Wincke
Oberst
Commandeur
des 2. ten oder Infanterie-Regiments
Calenberg

[illegible]
Capitän
Commandeur
der 4. ten Compagnie.

Abrechnung.

Gut	Cour. Mze Thlr	gg	ff	Schuld	Cour. Mze Thlr	gg	ff
Laut Tag 38. des Compagnie Abrechnung Buchs gut	4	"	"	Für kleine Monderungsstücke	7	23	1.
					7	23	1.
				ab das Gutthabende	4		
				Bleibt Schuld	3	23	1.

Vorstehende Schuld habe ich nach richtig gefundener Rechnung mit Drey Thaler Drey und Zwanzig Ggr. einen Pfennig Conventions Münze, baar bezahlt, und habe meine Gebührnisse stets richtig erhalten, und keine Forderung am Bataillon noch der Compagnie zu haben bescheinigt.

Hameln d. 21. April 1823. Busse

THE PIONEERS

Mr. Fredrick Busse was born in 1800. His wife, Johanna Katz, was born three years later. Mr. Busse served his regular time in the Hanoverian army and was given his official release in 1923. (See opposite page).

The six children were born in the old country. Their son, Henry, was the first one to come to America and it was he who later prevailed upon his father to bring the rest of the family to this land of promise.

The Busse family arrived in this country, going to Detroit and from there to Chicago. They started out on Milwaukee Avenue to find a farm that would appeal to them. They crossed the Des Plaines River at the Talcot Ford, near Touhy Avenue. Marks of that Ford are today discernible at the present Miller bridge.

The family traveled on foot as far west as Hanover township. They did not like the clay hills over there and came back down the Indian trail, Algonquin road. In those days a tavern was established every day's journey from Chicago. Upon reaching the Paige tavern in Elk Grove, Mr. Paige learned through his German maid that the emigrants who were staying over night at his inn, were looking for a farm. He offered to sell out. It did not take long to come to an agreement.

The price agreed upon was $2,700. The sale provided that for the sum of $2,500, Mr. Fredrick Busse secured title to 160 acres of land with growing crops. The $200 additional purchased the farm tools and stock consisting of a plow, harrow, 2 horses, double harness, 5 cows and calves, 2 yearling heifers, 2 turkeys, all chickens on the place, 1 churn, 2 bedsteads and one yellow dog.

PARTIAL TRANSLATION OF ARMY RELEASE

The soldier Johann Friedrich Busse, born in the year 1800 at Bakede, District Lauenau and conscripted from the District Lauenau who by order of the royal general command is placed in the second reserve, after he had served from May 24, 1821, to April 21, 1823, in the 1st Battalion of the 2nd infantry regiment Calenberg, is hereby released by order of the Royal General Command from service to the extent, that for the time being he regard himself released altogether from active military service, however, subject to call into the roster of reserves, and in case the defense of the Fatherland requires his service and in general to the time of age required by military service.

Hamelu, the 21st of April, 1823.

Aug. Vitinche, Colonel C. Meyers, Captain.

Six

№ 13
des Registers.

Reise-Paß
für
das In- u. Aus-Land.

Gültig für ein Jahr.

Beschreibung
des Inhaber 6

Alter – 48 Jahr.
Größe 5 Fuß 7 Zoll.
Statur mittler
Haare braun
Stirn rund u. bedeckt
Augenbrauen braun
Augen grau
Nase stark
Mund gewöhnlich
Zähne mangelhaft.
Kinn rund
Bart braun
Gesicht oval
Gesichtsfarbe gesund

Besondere Zeichen:
Keine

Spricht plattdeutsch

Unterschrift des Reisenden.
Friedrich Busse

Bezahlt 12 gr

Königreich Hannover.

Alle Civil- und Militair-Behörden werden geziemend ersucht, den Vorzeiger dieses Passes, Vollmeier Johann Friedrich Busse

gebürtig aus / wohnhaft in } Backede, hiesigen Amts.

mit seiner Ehefrau, Hanne geb. Katz, 45 Jahr alt, und 4 Kindern, Namens Friedrich, Louise, Ludwig und Johanne, resp. 22, 15, 10 und 8 Jahr alt.

auf seiner behuf Auswanderung nach Amerika

vorhabenden Reise von hier über Wunstorf per Dampfwagen nach Bremen frei und ungehindert reisen ~~und zurückreisen~~, ihm auch nöthigen Falls jeden möglichen Schutz angedeihen zu lassen.

Lauenau, den zwölften April 1800 ~~und~~ Acht und Vierzig.
Königlich-Hannoversches Amt.

AMT LAUENAU. 5 KÖNIGL. HANNOV.

Günther

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PASSPORT

KINGDOM — HANNOVER

All Civil and Military Authorities are properly requested to permit the bearer of this pass: Vollmeier JOHANN FRIEDRICH BUSSE, born in and living in Bakede—this office on his behalf, to emigrate to America with his wife, Anna, nee Katz, 45 years old, and 4 children, named Friedrich, Louise, Ludwig and Johanna, respectively, 22, 15, 10 and 8 years old. The proposed journey from here over Wunstorf per railroad to Bremen to be traveled free and unmolested and he is to be granted also, if necessary, every possible protection.

Lauenau, April 12th, 1848.
Hannover Kingdom Office.

H. Guenther.

No. 13—Register
Pass Port for
Home and Abroad.
Good for one year.
Description of the
Possessor
Age: 48 years.
Tall: 5 ft. 7 inches.
Stature—Medium.
Hair—Brown.
Forehead—Round.
Eyebrows—Brown.
Eyes—Blue.

Nose: Strong.
Mouth—Usual.
Teeth—Defective.
Chin—Round.
Beard—Brown.
Face—Oval.
Complexion—Healthy.
Special Features: None.
Speaks—Low-German.
Signature of the Traveler
Friedrich Busse.
Paid:
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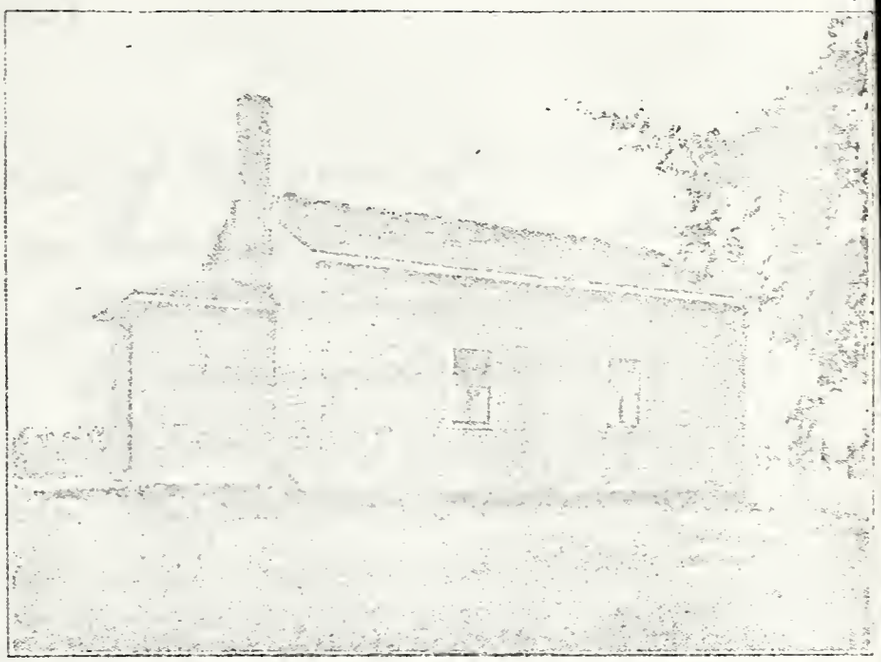
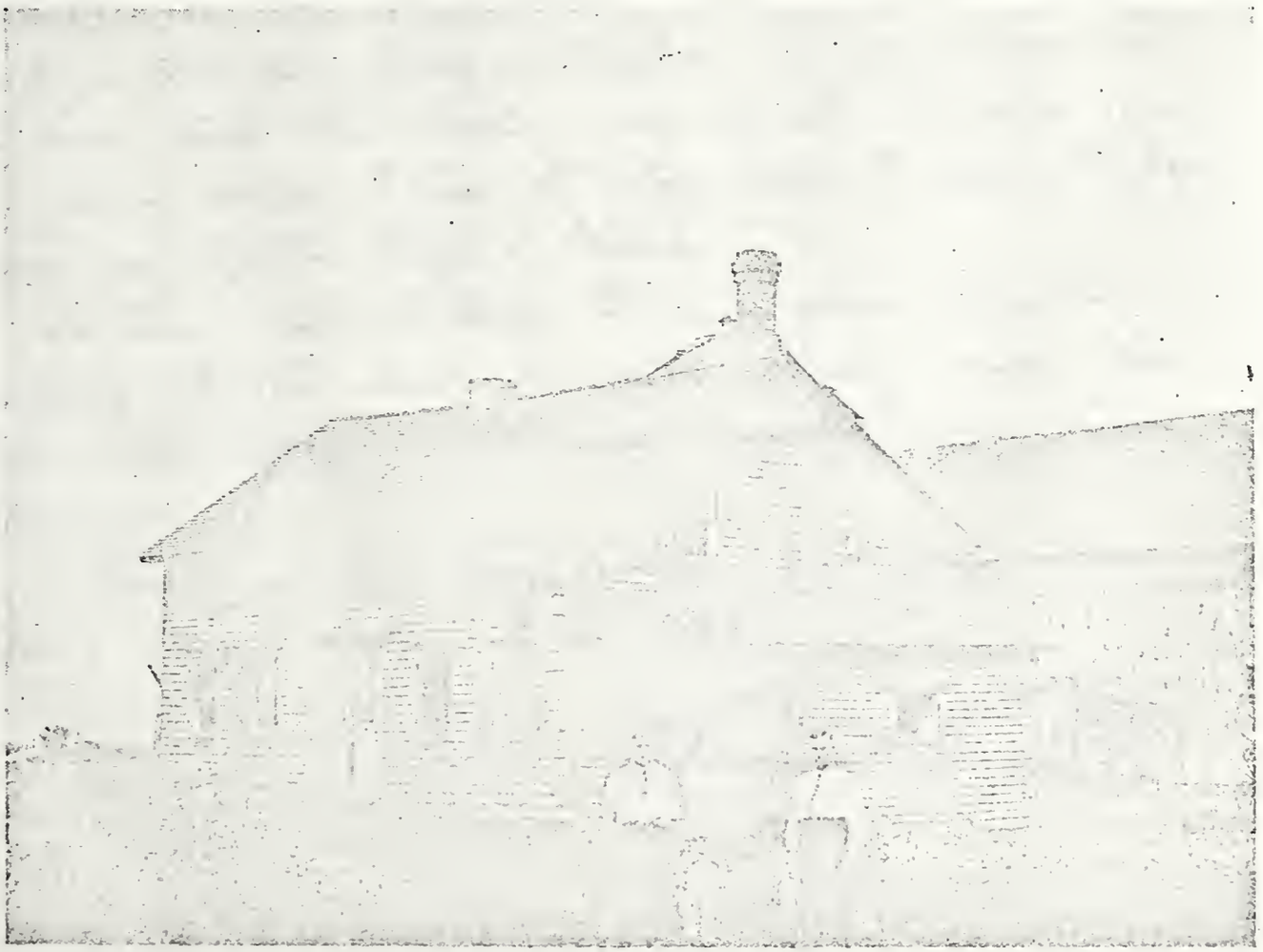
THE FIRST CHURCH



THE FIRST HOME



THE FIRST BUSINESS CONTRACT

For and in consideration of the Sum of Two Hundred Dollars to me in hand paid. I have this day Sold and do by these presents sell and convey unto Frederick Busey all the following described property to wit. One Span of horses being a Bay and a Brown, one two horse Lumber Waggon and double harness Six Milch Cows & three Calves, Two two year old cattle Two Yearling heifers, Two Bedsteads. Six Chairs. Two Stoves & Pipe one Cupboard. One Bench. Four empty Barrels, one Sink, Two Pails. One Plough. one Iron tooth Harrow. Two Candlesticks Four Tin pans Two Turkeys All the Hens & Chickens belonging to me on the place. All the Rails and all the Lumber on the place which I have this day Sold to said Busey and one Yellow Dog 1 Oliver

To have and to hold the said above described property to the said Frederick Busey and his heirs and Assigns, I bind myself and heirs forever

Given under my hand and Seal this first day of July A. D. 1848.

Samuel Sage (Seal)

THE BUSSES - MEN OF THE SOIL

The Busse family can be truly called "men of the soil." Their forebearers were farmers and a goodly number have followed that profession. The Busses prize their farms, which they consider family heritage to be handed down to succeeding generations. Fathers in those early days aided sons to acquire farms for their families, but as the families increased and the number of available farms decreased many sons had to look to other lines for employment. However, the love of the soil has descended in that family down through the years and a great many Busses are farmers today.

With an occasional exception, the Busse farms of eighty years ago are still owned by Busses. The earlier settlers in Elk Grove were Americans from the East, and acquired the land under government grant. Those original grants are today among the private papers of the various Busse owners, handed down with succeeding deeds from father to son. This explains why so many Busses have remained in Elk Grove township.

The transfer of land was seldom and in some instances there are only two and three land conveyances today in bringing the title of the property down from the government to the present owners.

After Frederich Busse acquired for the sum of $2500 his farm and for $200 additional all of the tools and live stock thereon, it was but natural that when his sons purchased farms, they should be adjoining places.

The original Busse farm, acquired in 1848 as stated above, passed from him to his youngest son, Louis Busse, and he in turn passed it on to his son, Edward Busse of the third generation, who later moved to Mt. Prospect and has rented the farm.

After the return of Henry Busse from the gold fields, he purchased in 1857, partly with gold that he brought back with him, 160 acres adjoining his father's farm on the east. His son, Martin Busse, still owns that farm, residing on part of it while the rest of it is being operated by a tenant.

Christian Busse, son of the pioneer, brought a bride to America with him and it was not long after his parents secured their farm that Christian owned 140 acres to the west of "dad's". This farm passed on to his son, H. W. Busse, who resides in Mt. Prospect and is now owned by Otto and Fred Busse of the fourth generation.

Louis remained on the old homestead until 1880 when the opportunity arose whereby he was able to buy a farm at the corner of Algonquin and Arlington Heights roads, where he built a creamery, conducted a general store and sold farm implements. He later sold the business to Jacob Sigwalt and returned to farming on the place now owned by August Busse.

Frederich, the son of the pioneer, secured his farm in 1854, which adjoined the land of his brother, Christian. The land passed on to his brother, Fred, whose widow still resides on part of that farm, while the balance is owned by Wm. C. Wille and August and W. Behrens, also the fourth generation.

As shown above each of the four sons had their own farms and it was natural that the two daughters be similarly situated.

Louise Busse married Frederich Tonne in 1850. The father of Frederich had preceded the Busses from Germany to America and had secured, direct from the government, 160 acres on the Cook-Du Page County line, a few miles south of the Busse settlement. The bride of Mr. Tonne was only 17 years old and they resided with Mr. Tonne's parents and the farm passed to them. Their son, Henry, was the next owner and today the farm is divided between Richard and Albert Tonne. This farm has been in the same family 93 years.

Christian Henjes had accompanied the Busses to America as his sister was the wife of the eldest son of the Busse pioneer. It was natural that when he wed the youngest daughter, Johanna Busse, that he would find a nearby farm and he purchased 108 acres on Higgins road near the intersection of Busse road. That farm passed on to his son, Fred Henjes who moved to Arlington Heights in 1915 and only recently sold the old homestead.

There are many other Busses who are farmers and many of them own their own places.

IN PUBLIC LIFE

Although the settlers from Germany had been in Northwestern Cook county less than twenty years, they had become a force to be reckoned with by 1866 when Christian Busse, the eldest son of the pioneer, defeated a native American for the office of township supervisor, which included a seat on the county board. Mr. Busse remained as supervisor until 1873. By that time the county board had been organized under the present system with a county board of commissioners, and between 1873 and 1876 he served as a member of that body, returning to the township supervisorship at the end of his term.

Mr. Busse was a member of the state board of equalization from 1880 to 1888. He continued to serve Elk Grove as supervisor for a quarter of a century, retiring in 1900.

The story of how William Busse, present county commissioner, chanced to give up farming and enter politics is interesting. Mr. Wm. Busse was only 27 years of age and operating a farm of 160 acres when he was called to public service.

A new Republican sheriff had been elected in Cook county, who at once gave notice that the position of deputy sheriff was not to be a sinecure any longer. A deputy sheriff must work every day in the week and the appointees must be able bodied and not hold the office solely because of political connections.

By that time the star of William Thiemann was in the ascendency. He had married into the Busse family and represented the German voting Republicans of northwest Cook County in the state legislature.

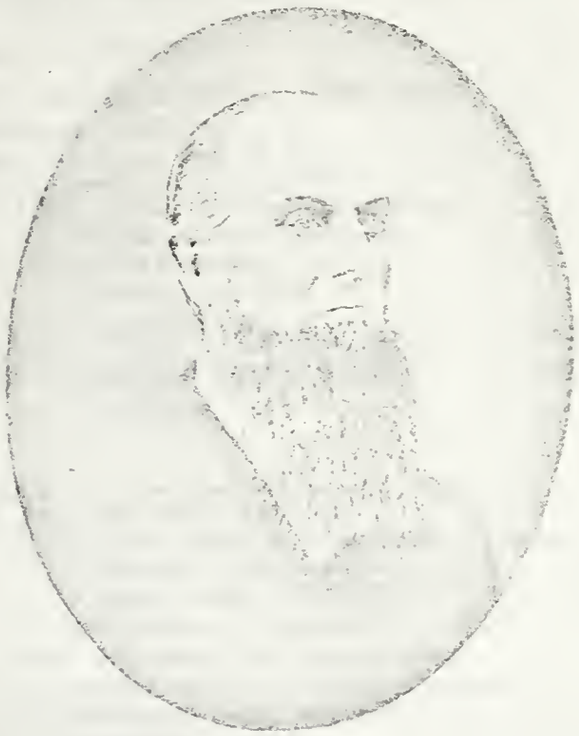
At a conference on Saturday when deputy sheriff appointments had to be made the next Monday and the powers that be were at a loss for a man, Mr. Thieman suggested William Busse, son of Louis Busse, whom nobody knew and who was only a farmer. The Busse name by that time had grown to mean something in this part of Cook county and the name was promptly accepted.

Wm. BUSSE,
County Commissioner
1900-1912
1914-193--

Mr. Thiemann did not bring word of the appointment direct to William. He went to his father. The next day when William came to his father with a check which he asked him to cash, so he could pay off the hired man whom he had decided to fire, he was astonished to be told about a county job that awaited him.

William, upon the advice of his father, accepted the position, first firing his hired man, because, as Will said, "if the hired man was not giving good service when the boss is around, he certainly would not be any good when the boss was away." William hired 2 men to take his place on the farm, took up his work in the sheriff's office in 1890, remaining ten years. Elected as county commissioner in 1900, he served as president of the county board from 1907 to 1910, during which time the present county building was erected and Oak Forest was built. With the exception of the two years (1912-1914) when the Bull Moosers were in power, he has been a member of the county board, serving many years as head of the important road and bridge committee, even under Democratic administration.

Mr. William Busse's public service has not been confined to county affairs. Four years of the deputy sheriff job was enough to convince him that he could not run a farm and hold public office at the same time. He sold his farm in 1894, and moved to Mount Prospect, which comprised less than a dozen homes and was then nothing more than a flag stop for the railroad. Mr. Busse entered whole heartedly in the development of this town. He helped to organize the present Mt. Prospect school district, which was no easy task when the territory of parts of five school districts had to be taken from three townships. He served as a member of the school board and as secretary of that body from 1898 to 1905. Before the village was incorporated he served as president of the improvement association and after the incorporation of the village as mayor from 1917 to 1929. He proved himself to be a good neighbor when he consented to be a candidate as justice of the peace in 1913 when his friends were looking for a candidate. Those friends came to him with the plea, "we have always aided your cause, now you do something for us." Mr. Busse did so.



CHRISTIAN BUSSE FAMILY

Christian Frederich Busse was born at Badeke, Konigreich, Hanover, Germany, August 10, 1823. He pledged troth with Friederika Henjes and when the Busse family decided to come to America, they were married and the trip to America on a sailing vessel was their honeymoon trip. A younger brother of the bride, C. Henjes came with them. They were not the only young couple on that boat setting out for the new country. Upon the same boat, John Fasse (Schaumburg pioneer) and his fiance, Charlotte Kehe were in the party. Naturally after the family was settled in their new home, Christian and his bride needed a farm of their own and they were to purchase an adjoining 140 acres.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. BUSSE
eldest living son.

Mr. Busse was highly respected as a capable, honest man, beloved by all who knew him. The people showed their confidence in his integrity by electing him to many positions of trust. He served on the county board, a member of the state board of equalization eight years, and township supervisor 25 years. He was a stalwart Republican and cast his last ballot for Howard Taft for president. He died March 24, 1909, and was buried two days later, on his 61st wedding anniversary.

Five children were born to this union, one of whom, Frederich, preceded his father in death by 18 years. Others who have since died are Mrs. Conrad Schwake and Mrs. John Russel. Those still living are Mrs. August Froemling, 83 years, who is residing with a daughter in Wheaton and H. W. Busse, 81 years, of Mt. Prospect.

CHRISTIAN BUSSE—1823-1909
m. FRIEDERIKA HENJES—1823-1911

CHILDREN (Third Generation)

*FRED C. BUSSE m *Carolina Froemling
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Dina Busse m. William Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Helen Busse m. Frank J. Bierman
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Elaine Bierman
Frederick Bierman
Virginia Bierman
Frederick C. Busse m. Ruth Wasmund
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Lois Busse

Anna Busse m. Fred Schoenbeck
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arthur Schoenbeck m. Pearl Scharringhausen
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Eugene Arthur Schoenbeck
John Edward Schoenbeck
Fred Schoenbeck m. Pearl Denlow
Helena Schoenbeck m. Edwin Hogreve
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Annabelle Hogreve
Adeline Hogreve
Mabel Schoenbeck

Clara Busse m. Herman Haas
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Herman Haas m. Wilma Schott
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Gilbert Haas
Fred Haas m. Carrie Katz
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Fredrick Haas
Ronald Haas
Roy Haas
Mildred Haas
Helen Haas
Ruth Haas

Herman Busse m. Mathilda Moellenkamp
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Esther Busse m. Walter Berschet
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Marvin Berschet
Lorraine Berschet
Walter Berschet
Julia Busse m. Harry Rascher
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Vernon Rascher
Berwyn Rascher

Christian D. Busse m. Martha Holste

CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ralph Busse m. Esther Gosch
Adaline Busse

Frieda Busse m. Harry Kruse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Dalton Kruse
Howard Kruse
Harry Kruse

Christina Busse m. Ernst Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Evelyn Busse m. Walter Beigel
Helen Busse m. Thad. Kuda
Ernst Busse, Jr.

*LOUISA BUSSE m. *Conrad Schwake

CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Herman Schwake m. Alvina Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Alma Schwake m. Joe Leach
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Ruth Leach

Henry Schwake m. Betty Kuss
Henrietta Schwake m. Leroy Wozny
Alfred Schwake
Martha Schwake m. Alfred Schellin

Emily Schwake m. John W. Moehling
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arthur Moehling m. Norma Jensen
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Joan Moehling
Jack Moehling

George Moehling m. Emily Thies
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Martin Moehling

Ernest Moehling m. Lillian Riscoe
Wilbert Moehling m. Evelyn Koehler
Martha Moehling m. Alex Engelking
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Shirley Mae Engelking
Roger Engelking

Adolf Moehling m. Margaret Koehler
John Moehling
Helen Moehling

Frieda Schwake m. H. F. Moehling
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Hulda Moehling
Walter Moehling m. Esther Forke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Wayne Moehling
Geraldine Moehling
Ralph Moehling m. Florence Grewe
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Roger Moehling

Kurt Moehling
Alfred Moehling m. Elenor Flueger
Alvin Moehling
Ruth Moehling

Alvin Schwake m. *Amanda Engelking
m. Edith Lau
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lorraine Schwake m. Henry Studtman
Clarence Schwake
Earl Schwake
Dorothy Schwake
Arnold Schwake
Bonnie Schwake

*Martha Schwake m. Charles Pazurka
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elizabeth Pazurka m. Walter Schriver
Louise Pazurka
Gertrude Pazurka
Carl Pazurka
Albert Pazurka

JOHANNA BUSSE m. *August Froemling
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
*Albert Froemling m. Martha Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ethel Froemling m. William Sporleder
Irene Froemling m. Edwin Haberkamp
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Janet Haberkamp
Robert Haberkamp
Margaret Froemling m. Arthur Gosch
Herbert Froemling
Albert Froemling

Emma Froemling m. Otto Dettman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
LeRoy Dettman
Donald Dettman
Irene Dettman
Ruth Dettman
Selma Dettman
Otto Dettman
George Dettman
Richard Dettman

Martha Foremling m. Emil Holste
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Gladys Holste m. Irwin Busse
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Shirley Busse
Ronald Busse
Adelia Holste m. Albert Porep
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Nancy Porep
Bernice Holste
Loraine Holste

Ella Froemling m. Charles Beekman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Janet Beckman m. Alfred McMahon
Berwyn Beckman

Meta Froemling m. Albert Rascher
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Harold Rascher
Wallace Rascher

Mathilda Froemling

HENRY W. BUSSE m. Emma Stuenkel
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)

Alfred Busse m. *Clara Moehling
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Melvin Busse m. Minnie Pankonin

Martha Burmeister

Martha Busse m. Christ Moehling
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Sylvia Moehling m. William Tagge
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Charles Tagge
Robert Tagge

Erna Moehling m. George Gniot
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Kenneth Gniot
Elmer Moehling
Erwin Moehling

Adolph Busse m. Christina Meier
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Agnes Busse m. Henry Stade
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Elwood Stade
Irene Busse m. Martin Meyer
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Melvin Meyer
Ester Busse m. Martin Bonkowski
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Marylan Bonkowski
Edmund Busse
Adolph Busse, Jr.
Norman Busse
Christina Busse

Emil Busse m. Selma Oehlerking
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Sylvia Busse
Wilfred Busse
Wallace Busse
Fred Busse

Otto Busse m. Clara Stein
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ardell Busse
Jean Busse

Henry Busse m. Selma Deeke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Delores Busse
Orvil Busse
Connie Busse

Gertrude Busse m. Arthur Hogreve
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elroy Hogreve
Roger Hogreve

FRIEDERIKA BUSSE m. *John Russel

CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
*Martha Russel m. Christ Schoenbeck

CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Laura Schoenbeck m. Albert Meyer
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Ronald Meyer
Judy Lee Meyer

Emma Russel m. William Kastning

CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Mildred Kastning m. Richard Wilke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Dale Wilke
Sharon May Wilke
Esther Kastning
Margaret Kastning

Albert Russel m. Millie Landeck
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marvin Russel
Norman Russel
Pauline Russel

FRED BUSSE FAMILY

"He filled his nich in life with honor to himself and the family name, and when the time came near for him to join the other members of his family who had preceded him, he went gladly, leaving to his family a memory of a kind father, and a well spent life. The principles that he installed in his children will be carried down through many generations."

—Cook County Herald, Jan. 11, 1919.

The death of Fred Busse on Jan. 11, 1919, marked the passing of the last of the four sons of the pioneer couple. He lived to the ripe old age of 92. He married Marie Deeke, Oct. 14, 1853. Within a year Fred had secured a farm of his own adjoining that of his brother Christian. There he raised a family of seven children. Two others died in infancy.

Mr. Busse came to America as a farmer and was a farmer to the end of his days. In spite of his advanced age he retained full facilities until a few days prior to his death.

*FRED BUSSE—1826-1919
*m. MARIA DEEKE—1828-1909
CHILDREN (Third Generation)

*LOUISE BUSSE m. *Henry Behrens
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Fred C. Behrens m. Louise Schroeder
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arthur Behrens m. Virginia Joerenson
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Marlene Behrens
Leroy Wayne Behrens
Duane D. Behrens
Dale F. Behrens
Loretta Behrens m. Lehigh Graves
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Darwin Graves
Dixie Lou Graves
Arla Mae Graves
Melvin Behrens m. Mary Tohmer
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Darlene Behrens
Henry Behrens
Louis Behrens m. Lizzie Precht
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Olga Behrens m. Jackson Ensminger
Sylvia Behrens
William Behrens
Emma Behrens m. William C. Wille
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Franklin Wille m. Emma Kruse
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Ardelle J. Wille
Merlin G. Wille
Alma Wille m. Herman Boesche
Theodore Wille
August Behrens m. Lillian Schnell
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Erna Behrens m. George Honemann
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
George Honemann, Jr.
Nancy Le Honemann
Erwin Behrens
Elva Behrens
Martha Behrens m. *Paul Staat
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Helen Staat
William Staat
Emilie Behrens m. *Herman Pohlman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Wilbert Pohlmann m. Lois Deeke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Judith Pohlmann
Walter Pohlmann
Bernice Pohlmann
Mathilda Behrens m. Fred Huebner
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marian Huebner
Alvin Behrens m. Gertrude Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Melba Behrens
Erling Behrens
Herman Behrens m. Alma Oldenburg
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Howard Behrens
Jeanette Behrens

*SOPHIA BUSSE m. *John Meyer
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
John C. Meyer m. Mary Jacquet
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lydia Meyer m. Ed. Niemeyer
Herman Meyer m. Martha Scharringhausen
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Phoebe Meyer m. Arthur Eikelmann
Cycil Meyer
Alvina Meyer m. Henry F. Pohlmann
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elvira Pohlmann m. Carl Klopp
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Charles Klopp
Beatrice Pohlmann m. Elmer Wenegar
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Joan B. Wenegar
Lysette Pohlmann m. Frank Donkin
*Martin Meyer m. Anna Baatz
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Clara Meyer
Emil Meyer m. Mary Vetter
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Evelyn Meyer m. Edward Muhlfield
Robert Meyer
Dorothy Meyer
Vera Meyer
Marian Meyer
Emil Meyer
Martin Meyer

*MARY BUSSE m. *William Straus
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Fred Straus m. Laura Meyn
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Gilbert Straus m. Mildred Schmidt
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Gilbert Straus
Frederich Straus
Chester Straus
Raymond Straus
Clara Straus m. Emil Klawitter
Anna Straus

ANNA BUSSE m. William Schwake
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Fred Schwake m. Anna
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Robert Schwake
Lorraine Schwake
Helen Schwake
Lillian Schwake m. Herbert Bredin
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Rodger Bredin
Jack Bredin
Ida Schwake m. Erwin Elsholz
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Theodore Elsholz

*FRED BUSSE m. Engel Bartels
LOUIS BUSSE m. Louise Wiebe
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Kate Busse m. Arthur Grosse
Rudolph Busse m. Grace Knaak
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Allan Busse
Hedwig Busse

*WILLIAM BUSSE m. Augusta Straus

FINAL CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Illinois, County of Cook, City of Chicago, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That on the Eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six, in the Recorders Court of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and in the State of Illinois, (the same being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, a clerk and a seal,) Frederick Rupke an alien, came into Court, and applied to be admitted as a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States, for and during the full term of five years last past, and one year and upwards immediately preceding the date hereof, in the State of Illinois that during said term of five years, he has sustained a good moral character and appeared to be attached to the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order, well being and happiness of the same, and two years and upwards having elapsed since the said applicant filed his declaration of his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and he having now here in open Court taken and subscribed the oath required by those laws, to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to George King of Hanover whereof he was heretofore a subject:

It was Ordered and Adjudged, by the Court that the said Frederick Rupke be and he is hereby admitted to all and singular, the rights, privileges and immunities of a Naturalized Citizen of the United States, and that it be certified to him accordingly, which is done by these Presents.

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Recorders Court, at Chicago, in said County of Cook this Eighteenth day of November A. D. 1856, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty first

Philip A. Hoyne

Clerk of the Recorders Court of the City of Chicago.

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JOHANNA BUSSE—1840-1901
M. CHRISTIAN HENJES—1827-1890

CHILDREN (Third Generation)
JOHANNA HENJES m. *George Kirchhoff
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
William Kirchhoff
Henry Kirchhoff
Ella Kirchhoff m. William Brockman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arnold Brockman
Orland Brockman
Ernst Kirchhoff m. Anna Bornkamp
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Evelyn Kirchhoff
Erna Kirchhoff
Alice Kirchhoff

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JOHANNA BUSSE FAMILY

When Christian Henjes married Johanna Busse it was another tie between the Henjes and Busses of Hanover. Christian's sister had married Christian, a brother of his bride in Germany before they came to America. The young people had grown up as neighbors and Christian Henjes had been treated by the Busses as a member of the family.

Mr. Henjes was born in 1827, and died Nov. 17, 1890. His wife was born July 3, 1840 and died June 30, 1901. She was the youngest of six children and the day that her parents settled in Elk Grove was her eighth birthday. They traveled on foot, but as she was the baby of the family, her brothers took turns in carrying her along the trail. She was married April 27, 1857, residing on the Henjes farm, two miles south of the home of her own family.

Ten children were born to this union. The eight who reached their majority were all girls except one son, Fred, who resides in Arlington Heights. The three daughters who have died are Johanna Kirchhoff, Louise Decke and Sophia Mensching. The four daughters who are still living are Mrs. Geils, Itasca; Mrs. Wm. Dunteman, Bensenville; Mrs. Rittmueller, Maywood; Mrs. Wm. Lagerhausen, Des Plaines.

*LOUISE HENJES m. William Deeke

CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
W. L. Deeke m. *Marie Schroeder
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elmer Deeke
Louis Deeke
Eddie Deeke

A. G. Deeke m. Tillie Engel
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lois Deeke m. Wilbert Pohlman
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Judith Pohlman
Velma Deeke

Amanda Deeke m. Emil Juhnke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Gertrude Juhnke

Emma Deeke m. Edward Grewe
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Erma Grewe m. George Loeding
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Donald Loeding
Minerva Grewe
Lorraine Grewe
Elsie Deeke m. George Kirchhoff
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Erwin Kirchhoff
Edgar Kirchhoff
Henry Deeke m. Alma Schaeffer
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Leona Deeke
Adeline Deeke

*SOPHIE HENJES m. *Hy. C. Mensching
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Alvina Mensching m. H. W. Mueller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Harold Mueller
Harvey Mueller
Lucille Mueller

*Amanda Mensching m. Henry Senne
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Vernette Senne m. Ray Hasselman
Virginia Senne
Orland Senne

August Mensching m. Ida Hahnfeldt
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elenora Mensching
Vernice Mensching
Wilfred Mensching
Leroy Mensching
Victor Mensching
Clarence Mensching

William Mensching
Edwin Mensching m. Hulda Stueber
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Melvin Mensching
Roy Mensching
Delilah Mensching
Dale Mensching

Harry Mensching m. Hulda Wille
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ralph Mensching
Donna Mensching

Della Mensching m. Conrad Wille
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Wilma Wille
Wilfred Wille
Carol Jean Wille
Lilly Mensching
Laura Mensching
Freemont Mensching

FRED HENJES m. Ella Dunteman
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Elma Henjes m. Fred Meier
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Bernice Meier m. Ed. Koelper
Loretta Meier m. Robert Meierhofer
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Darlene Meierhofer

Martha Henjes m. Herman Gieseke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lester Gieseke
Sylvia Gieseke
Edna Henjes
Rose Henjes m. Robert Paton

EMMA HENJES m. H. H. Geils
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Martha Geils m. Emil Mensching
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Helen Mensching
Raymond Mensching
Glenn Mensching

Elmer Geils m. Linda Kruse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Florence Geils
Irene Geils
Margaret Geils m. Gust Felbinger
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Harvey Felbinger
Roy Felbinger
James Felbinger
Alfred Geils m. Margaret Gieseke

MINNIE HENJES m. Wm. Lagerhausen
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Raymond Lagerhausen m. Mafalda Dettman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Yolanda Lagerhausen

Elmer Lagerhausen m. Dorothy Oehlerking
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Donald Lagerhausen
James Lagerhausen
Kenneth Lagerhausen

MARTHA HENJES m. W. F. Dunteman
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Mildred Dunteman m. Robert Oswald
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Robert Oswald
Dorothy Oswald
Orland Dunteman

ALVINA HENJES
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Erwin Rittmueller m. Lillian Fiene
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Shirley Rittmueller
Dorothy Rittmueller

Margaret Rittmueller m. Kenneth Nielsen
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Donald Nielsen
Carrol Nielsen

HENRY BUSSE FAMILY

It was the adventuresome spirit of Henry Busse, (1829-1917) that was probably directly responsible for the emigration of the Busse family to America. As he was nearing his majority at Badeke, Hanover, Germany, he began looking into the future. As he was not the eldest son and therefor not entitled to the goods of his father when he should have passed on, he decided to try his luck into America, going as a scout, promising to report back to the family what he found across the water. His objective point was at Sheboygan, Wis., where he resided one year.

He wrote back such glowing letters to the family in Germany, that within a year they also came to America. Henry joined them at Chicago, accompanying them in their hunt for a home. However it was not a year before that venture-spirit again asserted itself and with C. Henjes, who had accompanied the family from Germany, took up a third young man, Grupe of Bloomingdale and the three started by prairie schooner for California in 1849 as part of the gold rush.

It took the party from April to October to cover the perilous journey. Their experiences with the Indians were exactly as is today portrayed in in movies of that period.

Living expenses were high in the gold fields. The story is told that Henry went to town and paid $10 for two biscuits. He intended to share them with his partner when he got back to camp. He carried the biscuits, then decided to eat his share. When he arrived home he had eaten them both.

When Henry and his friend, Henjes, decided to return home, five years had passed. They chose the route via Panama, traveling overland where the Panama canal is now situated. One returned to Illinois via Mississippi river and the other via New York.

On his return to Illinois, Henry purchased a farm, part of the purchase price being made with gold that he had brought back home with him from California.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Busse, two dying in infancy. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1907. Mrs. Busse died in 1912, after which Mr. Busse resided on the old farm with his son, Martin where he passed away Jan. 11, 1917.

HENRY BUSSE—1829-1917
M. MARY BEHRENS—1840-1912
CHILDREN (Third Generation)
MARIE BUSSE m. William Kirchhoff
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Sophie Kirchhoff m. Rev. Friedrich Zersen
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Carl Zersen m. Alma Selle
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
David Zersen
*W. L. Zersen m. Ruth Michaels
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Doris Zersen
Ruth Zersen
William Zersen
Rudolph Zersen
Louis Kirchhoff m. Martha Meier
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Walter Kirchhoff m. Emily Seidel
Edmund Kirchhoff
Kurt Kirchhoff
Adeline Kirchhoff
*Christina Kirchhoff m. Henry J. Freise
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Sophie Freise m. Louis Winkelman
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Louis Winkelman, Jr.
Alice Winkelman
Joan Winkelman
Betty Winkelman
Henry H. Freise m. Elvira Heide
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Henry Freise, Jr.
William H. Freise
George Freise
Laura Freise
Pauline Freise m. Richard Zoellick
Marie Kirchhoff m. Louis H. Freise
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Eleanor Freise
Lorraine Freise m. Ray Heidorn
Herbert Freise
Ellen Freise
William F. Kirchhoff m. Lilly Oldenburg
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Florence Kirchhoff
Herbert Kirchhoff
Elmer Kirchhoff
Leona Kirchhoff
Dorothy Kirchhoff
George Kirchhoff m. Elsie Deeke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Erwin Kirchhoff
Edgar Kirchhoff
Laura Kirchhoff m. Alfred Stier
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Alfred Stier, Jr.

*HENRY C. BUSSE m. Anna Garlisch
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Frank Busse m. Gertie Schnell
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Laverne Busse m. Ulalia Dettman
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Eugene Busse
La Verne Busse, Jr.
Earl Busse
Jane Busse m. Maynard Westphal
Verdel Busse m. Frank Young
Elaine Busse
Alma Busse m. Paul Taege
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Dorothy Taege m. Jack Wiese
Virginia Taege
Paul Busse m. Alma Storch
Edna Busse Held
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Delores Held
Bob Held
Henry Busse m. Eleanor Vailes
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Jon Henry Busse

*LOUIS C. BUSSE m. *Louise Meier
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Alfred H. Busse m. Emma Oldenburg
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Orland Busse m. Martha Meier
Evelyn Busse m. Harold Gatzke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Jean Gatzke
Margaret Busse
Wallace Busse
Delores Busse
Arthur W. Busse m. Ella Engelking
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marvin Busse
Wilbur Busse
Rollin Busse
Carol Jean Busse
Fred W. Busse m. Alma Linneman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Herbert Busse
Sylvia Busse
Harold Busse
Arnold Busse

FRED H. BUSSE m. Sophie Wilke
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Walter Busse m. Anna Murphy
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Stanley Busse
Evelyn Busse
Darlene Busse
Della Busse m. Louis Zelzer
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Louis Zelzer
Jack Zelzer
Christ Busse
Clarence Busse m. Elsie Schauer
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marylin Busse
Lawrence Busse

MARTIN BUSSE m. Doris Wille
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Elmer Busse m. Evelyn Bonkowski
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Warren Busse
Norman Busse
Gordon Busse
Gertrude Busse m. Alvin Behrens
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Melba Behrens
Erling Behrens
Mabel Busse m. Walter Spiegler
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Shirley Spiegler
Roger Spiegler
David Spiegler

Franklin Busse m. Mildred Schoepke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Kenneth Busse
Arlene Busse
Della Busse m. *Louis Lemke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Beverly Lemke
Olive Busse m Emil Schweppe
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Suzanne Schweppe
Jack Schweppe
Bert Schweppe
Melvin Busse m. Amanda Boegerhoff
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lyle Busse
Gerald Busse

ALVINA BUSSE m. Herman Schwake
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Alma Schwake m. Joe Leach
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ruth Leach
Henry Schwake m. Betty Kuss
Henrietta Schwake m. LeRoy Wozny
Alfred Schwake
Martha Schwake m. Alfred Schellen

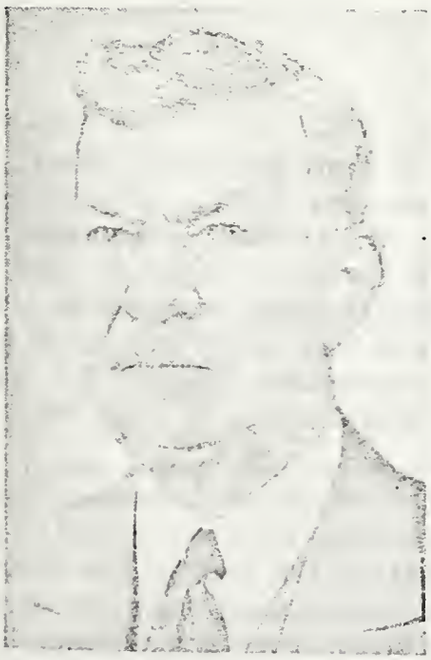
MINNIE BUSSE m. Julius Precht
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Fred Precht m. Kate Brownell
Theodore Precht
Henry Precht m. Loretta Koch
Edmund Precht m. Sophie Moeller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arlene Precht
Loretta Precht m. Ray Forke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Jacquelme Forke
Eleanor Precht
Laura Precht

REMINISENCES

The pioneer was strongly patriotic, and he walked to Chicago in order to take out his first naturalization papers. His final papers were secured within eight years after his arrival in Elk Grove. His sons who were of age at that time, followed in his footsteps and their descendants have similar papers.

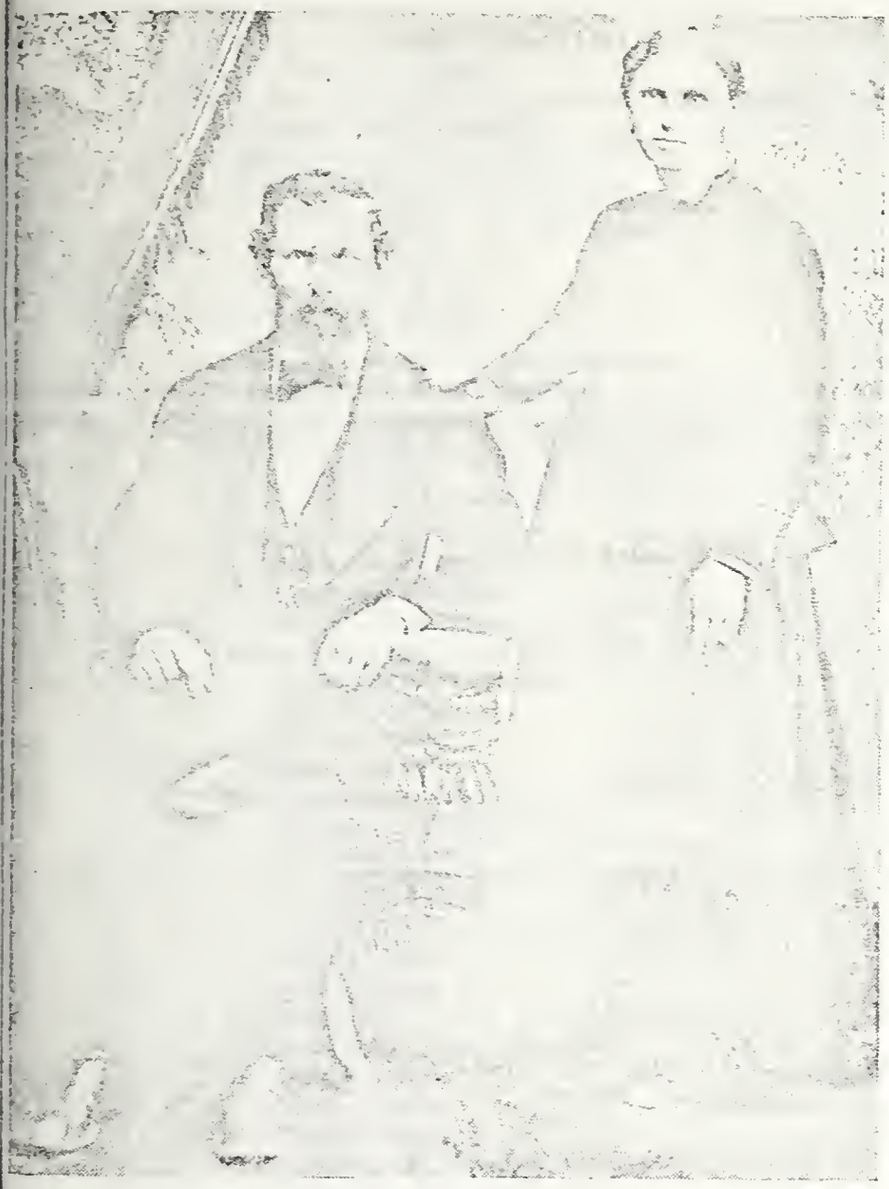
The vision of Friedrich Busse was called a mere dream when in 1875 he told a grandson that there would some day be a great war in Europe when sovereigns would fall; vehicles would move under their own power, and the army of Prussia would be able to stand under the shade of one tree.

At the 75th anniversary in 1923, Commissioner Busse told the following story of the manner in which crops were divided on the old farm. Mr. Busse was brought up on the farm of his grandad. "When we went egg hunting, two baskets were used. To every two eggs that would go into the basket of my father, one egg would go into the basket belonging to grandfather. The same method of division was followed in the handling of all crops."



EDWARD BUSSE
Present owner
of original
homestead.

REV. ZERSEN
Pastor of Itasca
St. Lukes' Lutheran
Church, Itasca



LOUIS BUSSE FAMILY

"Mr. Louis Busse was a thorough German-American with progressive ideas, but firm convictions. He was a trustee of St. John's Lutheran church and German Parochial school and while he was an ardent supporter of his chosen church, he took great interest in popular education and served about 30 years as director of the public school, District Number 56. He held the office of highway commissioner in Elk Grove township 2 years, and was thoroughly honest, upright and straightforward in all his public career. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and continued a stalwart Republican. May the world profit from his life and example."

—Cook County Herald, Jan. 1, 1904.

Louis Busse was born at Badeke, Hanover, Germany, Nov. 4, 1837, and was 11 years old when his parents came to this country. He was married to Miss Christine Kirchhoff April 16, 1863; to them were born six sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Busse were only able to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary as he died Dec. 19, 1903, aged 66 years, 1 month, 15 days.

Louis Busse was the first of the family to enter business. With the development of the country he saw the need of a creamery and store in that vicinity and in 1880, left the homestead and built a creamery and general store at Algonquin and Arilngton Heights roads, where he also established a farm implement agency. This business was later sold to Jacob Sigwalt. Mr. Busse returned to farm life and conducted the farm now owned by August Busse until 1903 when he retired, moving to Mt. Prospect.

The Louis Busse branch is the largest in the third and fourth generations of the Busse families. Six sons and three daughters were born to Louis Busse and his wife who was Christine Kirchhoff, all of whom are living. The sons are William, Edward, George, L. F., August and Ernst. The daughters are Mrs. Henry C. Redeker, Mrs. George Meier, Mrs. Wm. F. Behrens. There are 53 grandchildren, 86 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

LOUIS BUSSE—1837-1903
M. CHRISTINA KIRCHHOFF—1846-1934
CHILDREN (Third Generation)
WILLIAM BUSSE m *Sophie Bartels, m Dena Busse
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
William Busse, Jr. m. *Emma Fenz
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lorraine Busse m. Howard Alton
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Howard Alton, Jr.
William J. Busse
Robert L. Busse
Martha Busse m. *Albert Froemling
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ethel Froemling m. William Sporleder
Irene Froemling, m. Edwin Haberkamp
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Robert Haberkamp
Janet Haberkamp
Margaret Froemling m. Arthur Gosch
Herbert Froemling
Albert Froemling
Albert Busse m. Emma Schaeffer
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Wilbert Busse
Marion Busse
Norma Busse
Mathilda Busse m. Henry J. Ehard
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marjorie Ehard m. Leonard Runge
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Joyce Runge
Ruth Ehard m. Dr. Noel Workman
Naomi Ehard
Henry Ehard, Jr.
Sophie Busse m. Rev. J. E. A. Mueller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Jack Mueller
Paula Mueller
George Mueller
Helen Busse m. Frank J. Bierman
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elaine Bierman
Frederick Bierman
Virginia Bierman
Frederick C. Busse m. *Ruth Wasmand
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lois Busse
HANNAH BUSSE m *Henry C. Redeker
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Louis Redeker
Sophia Redeker
Amanda Redeker
Emma Redeker
Henry Redeker m. Hilda Foege
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Leroy Redeker
Robert Redeker
Roberta Redeker
Fred Redeker m. Edna Hattendorf
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ilene Redeker
Loris Redeker
Ernst Redeker m. Elfrieda Kastning
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Leonard Redeker
SOPHIA BUSSE m. George Meier
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Christina Meier m. Adolph Busse
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Agnes Busse m. Henry Stade
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Ellwood Stade
Irene Busse m. Martin Meyer
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Melvin Meyer
Edmund Busse
Esther Busse m. Martin Bonkowski
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Marilyn Bonkowski
Adolph Busse, Jr.
Norman Busse
Christina Busse
William L. Meier m. *Hermina Rohlwing
m. Emeline Schaeffer
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Margaret Meier m. Walter Clausing
Willard Meier
Elroy Meier
Louis Meier m. Anna Rohlwing
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Arlene Meier
Raymond Meier m. Elta Oltendorf
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ronald Meier
Lynwood Meier
Selma Meier m. Edwin Deeke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Vernon Deeke
Wallace Deeke
Delila Deeke
EDWARD BUSSE m. Emma Oehlerking
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Edwin L. Busse m. Elsie Meyn
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Edward Busse, Jr.
Wallace Busse
Richard Busse m. Ethel Wille
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Richard Busse, Jr.
Chester Busse
Christina Busse
GEORGE BUSSE m. *Mary Busse, m. Martha S. Schaefer
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Lena Busse m. Walter A. Mueller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marion Mueller
Walter Mueller
Evelyn Mueller
Victor Mueller
Bernice Mueller
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CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
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George Robert Busse
Joanne Cecile Busse
Marie Busse m. Ronald Bradley
Gilbert Busse m. Verna Holste
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Wayne Busse
Carol Jean Busse

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CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
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Fred Meeske
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Raymond Busse m. Laura Oehlerking
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CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Shirley Holste
Ronald Holste
Malinda Busse m. Alvin Oehlerking
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Doris Oehlerking
Eiline Oehlerking
Lydia Busse m. Otto Goebbert
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arnold Goebbert
Veleria Goebbert
Elwood Goebbert
Mildred Busse m. Elmer Benhard
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Robert Benhard
Eugene Benhard
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Diana Boehne
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Ellen Ruth Goebbert
Betty Ann Goebbert
Virginia Lee Goebbert
Ernstina Busse m. George Goebbert
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
James Goebbert
Lila Goebbert
John Busse m. Helen Meeske
Elanora Busse m. Edwin Gieseke
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Laverne Gieseke
Wayne Gieseke

CHRISTINE BUSSE m. William F. Behrens
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Richard Behrens
Louis Behrens
Albert Behrens
Lydia Behrens
Edwin Behrens
Wilbert Behrens
Walter Behrens
Betty Mae Behrens

ERNST BUSSE m. Christina Busse
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Evelyn Busse m. Walter Beigel
Helen Busse m. Thad. Kuta
Ernst Busse, Jr.

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THE GENERATIONS

LIVING DESCENDANTS OF
MR. AND MRS. FREDERICH BUSSE

Children of Pioneers	3rd Gen.	4th Gen.	5th Gen.	6th Gen.	Total
Christian Busse	2	26	105	36	169
Married in Family	1	28	41	0	70
Total in Family—239.					
Fred Busse	2	25	45	15	87
Married in Family	4	19	15	0	38
Total in Family—125.					
Henry Busse	5	40	73	12	130
Married in Family	6	29	12	0	47
Total in Family—177.					
Louise Tonne	1	25	67	31	114
Married in Family	4	21	23	0	48
Total in Family—172.					
Louis Busse	9	53	82	7	151
Married in Family	8	33	10	0	51
Total in Family—202.					
Johanna Henjes	5	34	61	3	103
Married in Family	4	24	5	0	33
Total in Family—136.					
Blood relatives	764				
Relatives by marriage	287				
Grand Total	1051				

FIRE PROTECTION

The Busses have always believed in fire insurance and it was but natural that they should become identified with the Mutual Insurance Company that was first organized in 1875 under the name Des Plaines and Cook County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

John Russel, who married into the family, aided its organization and served as its secretary and treasurer from 1909 to 1926 until his death. Since that time George Busse has occupied that position and business headquarters of the insurance company is at the office of Mr. Busse in Mt. Prospect.

The name of the company is now Mutual County Fire Insurance Co.

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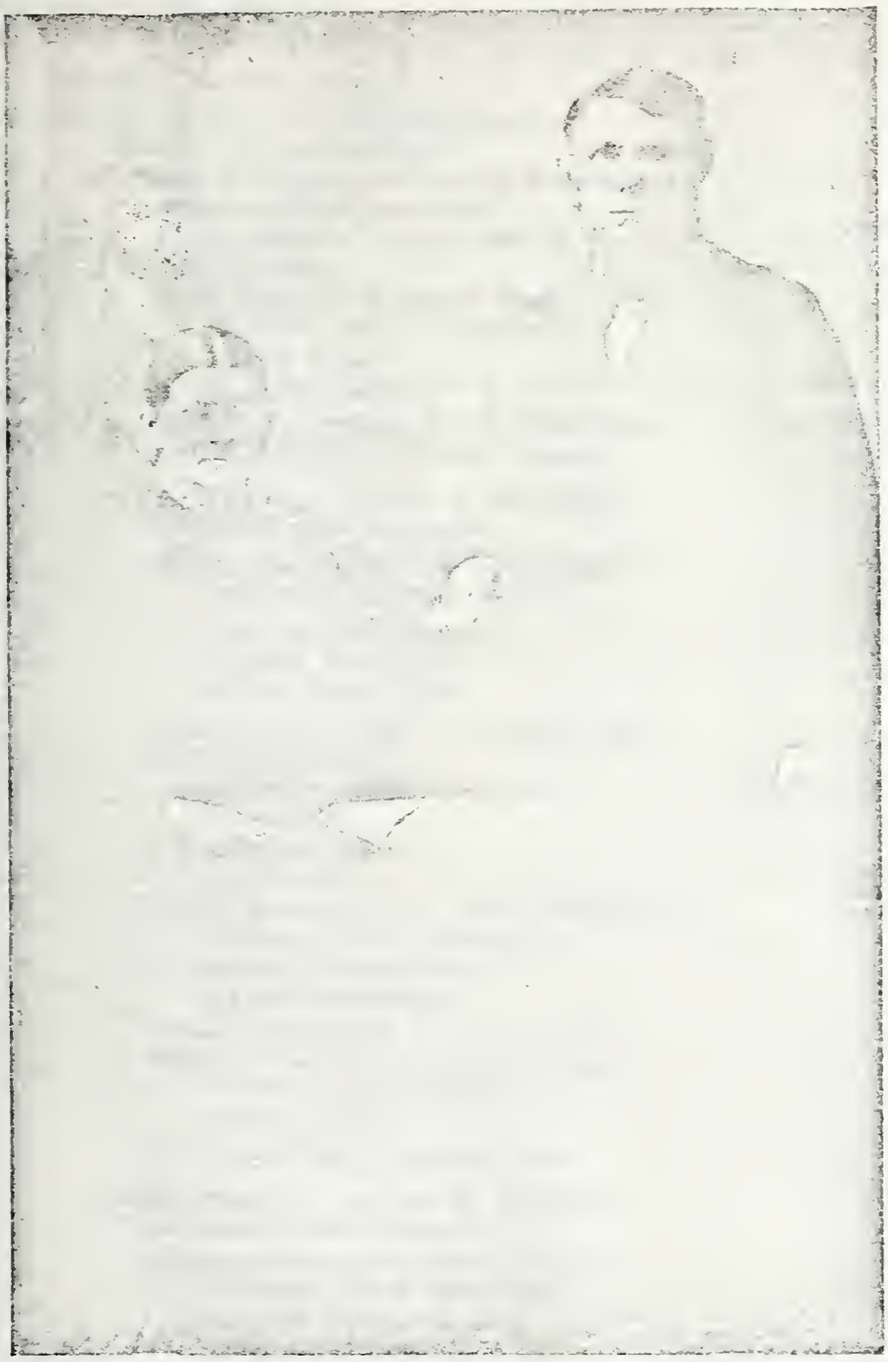
Pastor St. Paul's
Church
Mt. Prospect



LOUISE BUSSE FAMILY

Louise was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Busse. Born March 24, 1833, she was fifteen years old when she shouldered her share of the family burdens in the hunt for a new home in America. She was well schooled in the farm duties that fell upon the women members of the family and when Friedrich Tonne plied his suit to the maid of 17 years, he found a willing and helpful young lady and a new branch of the Busse family began to grow on a farm three miles south of her father's place.

Eight children were born. One daughter, Caroline, Mrs. Henry Rittmueller, of Bensenville, survives her brothers and sisters. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorothea Thieman, resides on the old homestead acquired from the government in 1845.

Mrs. Tonnie died July 12, 1910. Mr. Tonne died Feb. 4, 1888.

LOUISE BUSSE—1833-1910
M. FRED TONNE—1825-1888

CHILDREN (Third Generation)

*SOPHIA TONNE m. *William Thieman
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
*William E. Thieman m. *Martha Rosenwinkel
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Edwin Thieman m. Ella Schmidt
Edna Thieman
Lydia Thieman m. Lorenz Braun
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Donald Braun
Roger Braun
Herbert Thieman, m. Helen Waskowiak
Louise Thieman, m. Howard Kressin

Pauline Thieman m. *Henry Rosenwinkel
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Arthur Rosenwinkel m. Louise Radtke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Paul Rosenwinkel
Dorothy Rosenwinkel
Arthur Rosenwinkel
Martha Rosenwinkel m. William Volz
m. Paul Procado
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Lucille Volz
Charlotta Volz
Jean Volz
Alfred Rosenwinkel m. Alvina Hoppensteadt
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Howard Rosenwinkel
Harold Rosenwinkel
Elmer Rosenwinkel, m. Alice Nestles
Eleanor Rosenwinkel m. Paul Blazek
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Donald Blazek
Ilse Rosenwinkel m. John Rohde

Martha Thieman m. Fred W. Kuhlmann
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Elmer Kuhlmann m. Elnor Hildebrand
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Elmer William Kuhlmann
Elnor Jean Kuhlmann
Walter Kuhlmann, m. Willette Fitzgerald
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Robert Walter Kuhlmann
Hulda Kuhlmann, m. Walter Voigt
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Norma Voigt
Anita Voigt
Joan Voigt
Gertrude Kuhlmann, m. Erwin G. Wehrmann
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Lois Marjorie Wehrmann
Gail Frederick Wehrmann
Martha Kuhlmann, m. Fred W. Ruhnke
Frederick Kuhlmann
Armin Kuhlmann

Mathilda Thieman m. *Reinhold Kuhlmann
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Margaret Kuhlmann, m. Richard Fiene
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Carol Joan Fiene
Richard Louis Fiene
Martin Kuhlmann
*Ella Thieman m. William Windheim
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Irma Windheim

*HENRY TONNE m. Dorothea Thieman
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Richard Tonne m. Anna Schaper
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Ella Tonne
Martin Tonne
Pauline Tonne
Albert Tonne m. Carrie Owens
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Margaret Tonne
Edwin Tonne
Emma Tonne m. Henry Mueller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Florence Mueller m. Maynard Gray
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Jeanne Gray
David Gray
Henry Mueller m. Cecelia Kopp
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Donald Mueller
Norman Mueller

*LOUISA TONNE m. *Fred Steunkel
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Louisa Steunkel m. Louis Rosenwinkel
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Louisa Rosenwinkel, m. Elmer Spear
Raymond Rosenwinkel m. Laura Baedtke
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Raymond Rosenwinkel
Laura Mae Rosenwinkel
Esther Rosenwinkel m. Stewart Gonder

CAROLINE TONNE m. Henry Rittmueller
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Alfred Rittmueller m. Alvina Henjes
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Irwin Rittmueller, m. Lillian Fiene
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Shirley Rittmueller
Dorothy Rittmueller
Margaret Rittmueller m. Kenneth Nielsen
CHILDREN (Sixth Generation)
Donald Nielsen
Carol Jean Nielsen
Emil Rittmueller m. Josie Geils
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Dorothy Rittmueller
Marjorie Rittmueller
Jeanette Rittmueller
Jimmy Rittmueller
Martin Rittmueller m. Martha Mittelheuser
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Florence Rittmueller
William Rittmueller
Wilbert Rittmueller
Emma Rittmueller m. Walter Heidorn
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lawrence Heidorn

Norman Heidorn
Paul Heidorn

Helen Rittmueller m. Ernst Pflug
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Irwin Pflug
Verna Pflug
Lorrain Pflug
Roger Pflug
Wallace Pflug

Albert Rittmueller m. Elizabeth Bennett
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Harold Rittmueller
Helen Rittmueller
Hilda Rittmueller
Delores Rittmueller
Clarence Rittmueller

*MARY TONNE m. L. F. Rittmueller
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Lydia Rittmueller m. August Arendt
Walter Rittmueller m. Anna Mae Gentry
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Marilyn Rittmueller
Roger Rittmueller
Laurin Rittmueller

Emma Rittmueller
Louise Rittmueller
Otto Rittmueller m. Ella Schwartz
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Mary Barbara Rittmueller
David Rittmueller

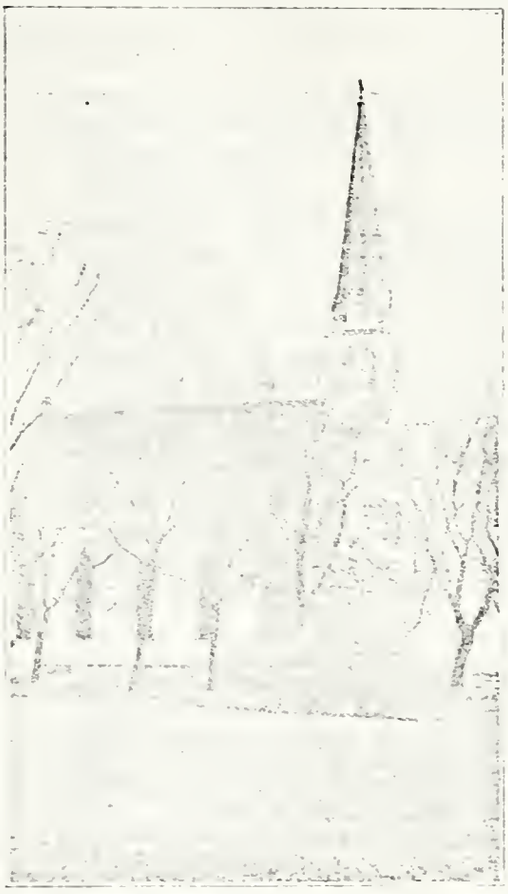
*AUGUST TONNE m. *Amelia Kueker
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
William Tonne
Irma Tonne m. Carl Schroeder

*ALVINA TONNE m. *Fred Westendorf
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Emma Westendorf m. Edwin Koehler
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Lorrain Koehler
Herbert Koehler
Florence Koehler

*EMMA TONNE m. Henry Kreft
CHILDREN (Fourth Generation)
Martha Tonne m. Herman Mueller
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Herman Mueller, Jr
Ruth Mueller
Margaret Mueller
Ariene Mueller
Ronald Mueller

Henry Kreft, Jr. m. Lillian Johnson
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Gloria Kreft

Eleanor Kreft m. Louis Ankele
CHILDREN (Fifth Generation)
Dorothy Ankele
Donald Ankele



Third Church Building Remodeled In 1937

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The ninetieth anniversary of the Busse family could also be called the ninetieth anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church. While the first services of this church were held in 1847, the signing of the constitution did not occur until 1848. Among the 32 German emigrants who affixed their names to that constitution were two members of the Busse family, viz: Friedrich Busse, and son, Christian.

This church was the mother church of the Lutheran church at Des Plaines, Arlington Heights and Mt. Prospect.

Through the ninety years since that time, members of the Busse family have taken a more or less active part in the church and its kindred societies.

Christian Busse served as treasurer 26 years; his son H. W., held the same position 27 years. William Busse served a number of years as its secretary and chairman, and his father, Louis Busse, was an officer many years.

Rev. Gehrs, who has been pastor of the church a quarter of a century, states that as far as he can find in the records there has always been a member of the Busse or allied families upon the church board or acting as one of the church officers.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

1923 - 75 YEARS

Cook County Herald, July 27, 1923

The 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Busse family in America took place Sunday, in the Elk Grove Forest Preserve in the midst of the woods and acres where this family has grown and prospered for seventy-five years.

Rev. Mueller in English said that he spoke for the younger generation, of which he was a part. Pastor Gehrs spoke in German, giving a short sketch of the church history. Rev. Zersen spoke in German, of the travels of the Teutonic race.

Commissioner Busse had the honor of recounting the history of the family. He said that when only a few weeks in his new home, his grandfather walked to Chicago that he might make application for his naturalization papers. He adopted this country from the day he set his foot upon its soil and Mr. Busse said that his grandfather was always proud of the fact that he was an American citizen.

1938 - 90 YEARS

Cook County Herald, July 1, 1938

Ninety years ago, July 3, 1848, the Busse family established its first home in America at Elk Grove. The living descendants, numbering 1051 will gather at the Elk Grove forest preserve Sunday afternoon in what will be one of the largest family reunions ever held in northern Illinois. The site of the celebration is within a mile of the Busse homestead where the pioneer located in the year 1848. Within a radius of 25 miles there resides at least half of the descendants.

Dr. O. C. Kreinheder, president of Valparaiso university will be the principal speaker on the afternoon program, starting at three o'clock. Dr. Kreinheder is a personal friend of the family and many Busses have attended the university.

Following the close of the regular services at St. John's church, Elk Grove, which was established ninety years ago, a short memorial service will be held in the adjoining cemetery at the grave of the pioneer couple.

The anniversary program at three o'clock, will include talks by three pastors, Rev. Gehrs, pastor of the Elk Grove church will talk on the religious faith of the Busse pioneers; Rev. Fredrich Zersen of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Itasca on the country to which the family came and Rev. J. E. A. Mueller, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Mt. Prospect on the Busse home. The two latter speakers are members of the Busse family.

Four Busses, representing the eldest of the four families will be introduced. They are Henry W. Busse, of Mt. Prospect, representing the Christian Busse family; Fred Busse, Marengo, Ill., representing the Henry Busse family; William Busse, of the Louis Busse family and Louis Busse, Jr., of Elk Grove of the Fred Busse family. These are all of the third generation. The family now extends to the sixth generation of which there are 104 members.

Dear Mr Busse Aug 18. 23

Even with a president at Washington the Coolidges, with nearly 300 years of americanization, are not in it with the Busses & their 75 years -

The enclosed picture sent from the Boston Sunday Herald of Aug 12.

Then you are as plain as daylight beer, cherry pie and all -

God bless you

Jonny H Coolidge

The above message was received by Wm. Busse, Jr., following the 75th anniversary of the Busse family in July, 1923. The writer is of the Coolidge family. His home is in Boston, Mass., the daily press of which city carried stories of that celebration.

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Mount Prospect State Bank

Established in 1911

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

June 30, 1938

ASSETS

Cash on hand and due from banks	$136,543.62
U. S. Government Investments	85,895.95
Other Bonds	156,882.13
Real Estate Loans	30,099.04
Real Estate Loans, F. H. A.	115,864.80
Loans and Discounts Secured	34,547.90
Loans and Discounts Unsecured	39,877.35
Commercial Paper	70,000.00
Loans under Title 1 F. H. A.	4,792.75
Overdrafts	19.04
Vault	3,669.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,035.29
Other Real Estate	38,570.91
Other Assets	89.63
	$718,887.41

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 50,000.00
Capital Notes	19,800.00
Undivided Profits (Net)	12,788.38
Reserve—	
Res. for Bond Dep.	8,285.22
Res. for Retirement Cap.	1,183.22
Res. for Unearned Int.	846.61
Commercial Deposits	327,998.19
Savings Deposits	290,520.50
Christmas Savings	1,762.75
Accounts Payable	3,265.66
Cashiers Checks	1,348.14
Certified Checks	1,050.00
Other Liabilities	38.74
	$718,887.41

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The cooperation of members of the Busse and allied families engaged in business, and whose cards appear on these two pages have made this booklet possible.

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